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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "W. T. Fujioka", is written over the printed name of the Chief Executive Officer.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF H.R. 793, THE FIREARM SAFETY AND BUYBACK GRANT ACT OF 2013 (SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM NO. 23-C, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2013)

Item No. 23-C on the February 26, 2013 Supplemental Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to instruct the County's legislative advocates in Washington, D.C. to take all appropriate actions to support the passage of H.R. 793, the Firearm Safety and Buyback Grant Act of 2013.

As introduced by Representative Linda Sánchez on February 15, 2013, H.R. 793 would impose a 10 percent excise tax on the purchase of concealable firearms. The revenue from the excise tax would be used to create a gun buyback grant program, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, and to fund the development and implementation of anti-violence and gun safety campaigns. Counties and cities would be eligible to apply for this grant funding to support local firearm buyback programs. The bill was referred to the House Committees on Ways and Means and the Judiciary, neither of which have scheduled any hearings on the bill.

Individual police agencies and jurisdictions currently finance and organize gun buyback programs, which allow individuals to voluntarily turn in weapons on a given day or time without question in exchange for money, gift certificates, or other incentives. Various police agencies in Los Angeles County have organized gun buyback events. This

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includes two gun buyback events held since the recent massacre in Newtown, Connecticut - one organized by the County Sheriff's Department in the Compton area and another by the Los Angeles Police Department.

As there is no specific Board-approved policy related to the imposition of a Federal excise tax on firearms to fund firearm buyback programs, **approval of this motion is a matter of Board policy determination.**

We will continue to keep you advised.

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